

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A strip (~~16~~) for reinforcement of canvasses having a plastic coating, wherein said strip comprises at least one elongated metal member (~~18~~) and a matrix of a thermoplastic material, (~~22~~) said thermoplastic material being extruded on said elongated metal member and said thermoplastic material being adherable to said plastic coating of said canvas, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said elongated metal member ~~has been~~ is coated with a primer layer (~~20~~) ~~before and~~ said thermoplastic material is extruded on the coated metal member, ~~to realize an and wherein adhesion between~~ said thermoplastic material ~~and~~ adheres to said elongated metal member.

2. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said primer layer comprises a thermosetting material.

3. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 2, ~~whereby~~ wherein said thermosetting material is selected from the group consisting of acrylate based resins, epoxy based resins or alkyd based resins.

4. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said primer layer comprises a hot melt.

5. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 4, ~~whereby~~ wherein said hot melt is selected from the group consisting of ethylene copolymers, polyamides or polyesters.

6. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said primer layer comprises a bifunctional silane compound.

7. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said thermoplastic material is polyvinylchloride.

8. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said thermoplastic material is a polyvinylchloride compound.

9. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said metal member is a flat wire with a tensile strength greater than  $1500 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

10. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said metal member is a flat wire with a tensile strength greater than  $1700 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

11. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said metal member is a flat wire with a thickness of less than 0.35 mm.

12. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said metal member is a wire with a rounded I-profile.

13. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said metal member is a steel wire with a carbon content of at least 0.40%.

14. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein said metal member comprises at least two metal members.

15. (Currently Amended) A strip according to claim 14, ~~whereby~~ wherein the metal members are located parallel in the plane of the strip, each metal member being in contact with at least one other metal member.

16. (Previously Presented) A strip according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein the metal member is coated with a zinc layer or with a zinc alloy layer.

17. (Currently Amended) A fabric (~~10~~) for reinforcement of canvasses having a plastic coating, said fabric comprising a warp (~~12~~) and a weft (~~14~~), at least one of the warp or the weft being formed by a strip according to claim 1.

18. (Currently Amended) A fabric according to claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein both the warp and the weft are formed by said strip.

19. (Currently Amended) Use of a strip according to claim 1, for reinforcement of a canvass.

20. (Previously Presented ) Use of a fabric according to claim 17 for reinforcement of a canvass.